

Maya's Mother's Day Counting Adventure

Grade 1

math

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Students will count forward and backward within 20 using a Mother's Day story context.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Maya finds 3 special roses. She picks 2 more. How many roses does Maya have now? Count on to find out: 3 ... 4 ... 5

2. Maya sees 7 unique heart cards. She counts them one by one. Fill in the blank: Maya counts ___ heart cards in all. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ___

3. Maya finds 4 rare shells on the path. Then she finds 5 more rare shells. How many rare shells does Maya have? Show your counting.

4. Maya puts 10 unique gems in a box. She uses 3 gems to decorate a card. How many gems are left in the box?

5. True or false? Maya counts 6 rare finds. Then she counts 6 more. She has 13 rare finds in all. Circle: TRUE or FALSE

6. Maya finds a hidden treasure chest. It holds 8 gold stars. She adds 7 more gold stars. How many gold stars are in the chest now? Show every step.

7. Maya has 18 special petals. She gives Mom 9 special petals. She then finds 4 more petals. How many petals does Maya have now? Show two steps.

8. Maya opens the hidden treasure box for Mom! Inside she finds 6 rare coins, 5 unique charms, and 4 special stones. Count each group. Then count all three groups together. How many gifts does Mom get in all? Show all your counting steps.

Answer Key: Maya's Mother's Day Counting Adventure

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After Q5, pause and ask students how many rare finds Maya has collected so far across all questions — this builds running-total number sense directly from worksheet work.

1. Maya finds 3 special roses. She picks 2 more. How many roses does Maya have now? Count on to find out: 3 ... 4 ... 5

Answer: Start at 3. Count on 2 more: 3 → 4 → 5. Maya has 5 special roses.

2. Maya sees 7 unique heart cards. She counts them one by one. Fill in the blank: Maya counts ___ heart cards in all. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ___

Answer: Count on from 6: the next number is 7. Maya counts 7 unique heart cards.

3. Maya finds 4 rare shells on the path. Then she finds 5 more rare shells. How many rare shells does Maya have? Show your counting.

Answer: Start at 4. Count on 5 more: 4 → 5 → 6 → 7 → 8 → 9. Maya has 9 rare shells.

4. Maya puts 10 unique gems in a box. She uses 3 gems to decorate a card. How many gems are left in the box?

Answer: Start at 10. Count back 3: 10 → 9 → 8 → 7. Maya has 7 unique gems left.

5. True or false? Maya counts 6 rare finds. Then she counts 6 more. She has 13 rare finds in all. Circle: TRUE or FALSE

Answer: Start at 6. Count on 6 more: 6 → 7 → 8 → 9 → 10 → 11 → 12. Total = 12, not 13. The answer is FALSE. Maya has 12 rare finds.

6. Maya finds a hidden treasure chest. It holds 8 gold stars. She adds 7 more gold stars. How many gold stars are in the chest now? Show every step.

Answer: Start at 8. Count on 7 more: 8 → 9 → 10 → 11 → 12 → 13 → 14 → 15. Maya's hidden treasure chest holds 15 gold stars.

7. Maya has 18 special petals. She gives Mom 9 special petals. She then finds 4 more petals. How many petals does Maya have now? Show two steps.

Answer: Step 1 — count back 9 from 18: 18 → 17 → 16 → 15 → 14 → 13 → 12 → 11 → 10 → 9. Maya has 9 petals left. Step 2 — count on 4 more: 9 → 10 → 11 → 12 → 13. Maya now has 13 special petals.

8. Maya opens the hidden treasure box for Mom! Inside she finds 6 rare coins, 5 unique charms, and 4 special stones. Count each group. Then count all three groups together. How many gifts does Mom get in all? Show all your counting steps.

Answer: Step 1 — count the rare coins: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. That is 6. Step 2 — count on the unique charms: 6 → 7 → 8 → 9 → 10 → 11. That is 11 so far. Step 3 — count on the special stones: 11 → 12 → 13 → 14 → 15. Mom gets 15 gifts in all! Maya completed her Mother's Day mission.

